Confidential

16 Richmond St
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Dear & much esteemed Friend

Referring you to Mary Welsh's letter & enclosed list for particulars I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without saying a word in reference to some matters which may not occur to her, — one package of portraits I regret sending, deeming them unworthy a place — they came too late for the Edinburgh Box & were valued by Jane Wigham at £10 — many of them are men known only as sectarian bigots & zealous supporters of things as they are, the Fire would be the best place for them, as to our own Contributions I could have wished fewer frocks, & those of a rich material. new Contributors who are in the habit of working for Missionary Boxes & who dont put themselves to the trouble of ascertaining what suits ours, send these things, I dont like to dishearten them by not sending their offerings, but when

The beautiful Table cover in the Perth Box was done by an intimate friend of mine it was her own idea, & as I had long urged her to work, & it was the first fruits, I could not feel in my heart to say a word in discouragement although I knew that you would rather not have had such a large article again, I hope it may commend itself to some purchaser,

very sincerely yours
Catherine Paton

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they come & see our articles, this is corrected by another year. our old Contributors continue faithful, many are becoming more conscientious — The Clergy with their supporters who left the Society are still, alien as ever & thus we have continually to combat with their opposition The past year has been one of useful Antislavery work in Scotland — Henry C. Wright has sown much good seed which is beginning to spring up in many quarters — The public prints in England Ireland & Scotland have made many malignant attacks & misrepresentations of his views — in his Sabbath pamphlet he has given his own views of that observance, of all the observances in Scotland this is the most reverenced & national prejudice strongest, it was a bold step to attack it. The Clergy have made what handle they could of it, but many of the people are beginning to investigate & enquire for themselves — we are a very bigoted people in our religious opinions — (a specimen of this you will see in Jane Taylor's note from Perth which was sent to me & I enclosed it in their Box) to be members in a church & assent to an orthodox Creed, is with many all that is necessary to Christian character =

Garrison will tell you how much we have of this
daily to contend with, to what church do they belong
to, is a question continually asked — they cannot see Christs
example followed, his precepts obeyed without
the certificate of a church which they esteem
orthodox & sound in the faith — Garrison too
has been assailed on all sides by the so called
religious press & professors with the old Bugbear
of infidelity but let us rejoice it is opening the
eyes of many, & preparing the way for the discussion
of many questions hitherto hid from the
public mind, "from seeming evil still educing
good;" his visit was very opportune & will be long
remembered by us, we regretted it was so short
that he was so hurried & overworked, he has accomplished
much, & we fondly hope that it may not be the last visit
to our shores, we hope by this time he is near his
own loved home, & he will soon tell you all about
his sayings & doings here, may he live to sing
the song of jubilee o'er a ransomed race —
I am right glad he consented to leave H. C. Wright
behind, he is a devoted untiring labourer, without

fee or reward, Frederic Douglas & he are together in England at present doing good work on behalf of the Antislavery League Remember me kindly to James N, Buffum whom we remember with affection & esteem for his disinterested labours in the cause, & his personal worth, I could not aid nor approve of the buying of Frederic as I thought it a compromising of principle & a recognition of the right of property in man, I could not see how Garrison could approve of it ——

Is not George Thompson's faithfulness above all praise he has been cutting off right hands & plucking out right eyes all over the country many would receive him but he would go nowhere unless Mr Garrison accompanied him, he has long stood high in my estimation, but now more than ever — Heaven grant, that he may long be spared to labour in this & every other good cause, I felt very anxious about him, when here he was so worn out, by overexertion, I have heard since that he is better, —

I must now say farewell tho' my spirit often visits Boston especially about the Bazaar time — we think & speak & act as if there was no distance between us, many have said this year "how I should like to be there" in vision we shall see you unpacking the boxes & try to picture to ourselves Faneuil Hall

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